

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the below named inventors, hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **RESOLVING MULTIPLE MASTER NODE CONFLICT IN A DDB**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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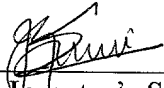
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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